

*Blessed is the one who  
is not offended by Me*

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Theme for Worship:** We are still in Advent, the season of anticipating the coming of our King. This morning we'll focus on what life "under the King" is like and how His rule shapes our attitudes towards everything!

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### The Ringing of the Bells

♪ Pre-Service Music: "Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

### Welcome

♪ Opening Hymn: "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

--LSB #341

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!

Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.

3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
Make it a temple set apart  
From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and  
joy.

So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
And new and nobler life begin.  
To God alone be praise  
For word and deed and grace!

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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## The Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

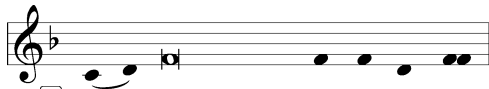
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen.

## Kyrie

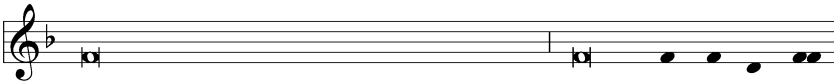
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



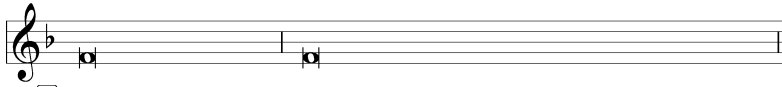
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



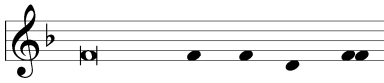
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



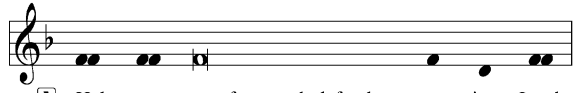
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray

**C** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

#### The Old Testament Lesson

*Zephaniah 3:14–20*

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness;

he will quiet you by his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing.

<sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer

reproach. <sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Lesson

*Philippians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Children’s Message

*--Danika Nelson*

### Alleluia and Verse

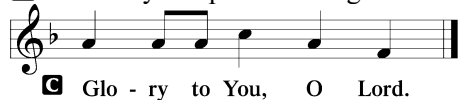


**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 7:18–28*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

<sup>24</sup>When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

<sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord

♪ Sermon Hymn: “Hark the Glad Sound”

--LBS 349

1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With Thy belovèd name.

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Sermon “Life Under the King”

--Rev. Marty Marks

Apostles' Creed

**☐** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## Announcements

### Prayers of the Church

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."*

### The Lord's Prayer

**☩ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### ♪ Closing Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

---LSB 338

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
  
- 2 Born Thy people to deliver;  
Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

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### The Benediction

### Silent Prayers

### Postlude

**TODAY'S PARTICIPANTS – December 12, 2021**

Altar Guild: Jackie Hanson & Carolyn McQuillan

	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Musicians/Vocalists</b>	Linda Conrad, <i>organist</i> C-J Motisi; <i>pianist, vocalist</i>	Angela Pringnitz; <i>Spiritwind</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Hayden Harms	Chloe Marks
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Cindy Kozumplik	Angela Pringnitz
<b>Radio Narrator</b>	Sue Harms	---
<b>Videographer/Sound</b>	Jackson & Kevin Harms	Sadie Marks
<b>Slide Operator</b>	Doug Nelson	Doug Nelson
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan & Ethan Hoffman Jacob Cook	Ann Nelson, Danika Nelson Cody Allen

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**Altar Flowers:** “To the glory of God and in loving memory of Hugo J. Hakala and Lucille Hakala, during this advent season,” by their family, the Justema’s.

**Radio Broadcast:** “To the glory of God and in loving memory of my son, Eric,” by Jackie Hanson

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